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Here is today's Virginia Briefing Report for the Chesapeake LEPC.

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Hazardous Weather Outlook: Throughout most of Virginia thunderstorms are expected to develop ahead of a cold front this afternoon and evening. Strong wind gusts and heavy downpours are possible with any storms. Small clusters of storms capable of producing strong winds are possible over the waters this afternoon and early this evening. NWS - [Wakefield](#), [Blacksburg](#).

Albemarle County Sheriff's Office welcomes first female chief deputy: Chan Gianniny started her career in law enforcement in 1995 as a reserve deputy in Albemarle County. She then served as a deputy in Madison County and a police officer in Scottsville before returning to Albemarle County in 2006. In 2009, she was promoted to sergeant and now Sheriff Chip Harding has promoted her to the position of Chief Deputy. WCAV – [Full Story](#)

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Lifeguards save almost two dozen in Virginia Beach: Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service lifeguards say they saved 22 people Sunday at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. The Virginia-Pilot reports that the lifeguards were on high-alert after strong rip currents led officials to set knee-deep wading restrictions the entire day. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

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Corps to conduct pulse release at Gathright Dam: A pulse release will be conducted at Gathright Dam this week as part of an ongoing project to improve the Jackson River's water quality and habitat. Pulse releases simulate the conditions of small flood events. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

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Following shooting, police and council spar over funding: One of the questions Richmond police officials faced after an afternoon shootout on the outskirts of the Fan District last week was whether they intended to increase patrols in the neighborhood, which also had been the site of a shooting earlier in the week. The police chief was referring to the council's decision earlier this year to reduce funding for unfilled vacancies across city government by \$9.2 million. That included a 46 percent cut — \$1.13 million — to funding for positions that had gone unfilled in

the Police Department. Richmond Times-Dispatch – [Full Story](#); Mayor's security costs rise as police chief calls for more officers

Officials find second site in Dinwiddie that is polluting waters: Virginia investigators have found a second site they say has polluted Dinwiddie County waters including Stony Creek. For about two weeks, the state Department of Environmental Quality has been investigating a farm from which, officials said, a type of hog food ran into swampy waters leading to Stony Creek. The pollution discolored the water and caused a foul smell. Richmond Times-Dispatch – [Full Story](#)

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Another arrest made in the case of missing Lyon sisters: Another person has been charged in the case of the missing Lyon sisters. The case revolves around Lloyd Welch, who was charged with abducting and killing the Lyon sisters back in 1975. Several members of his family and associates have been questioned and some charged in connection with the case. WSLs – [Full Story](#)

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Baltimore homicides reach 200 for the year (MD): Eight months into the year Baltimore's homicide count has hit the 200 mark. August's 10th slaying, a fatal shooting Monday of a man in northeast Baltimore, pushed the city's homicide total to 200 - a dramatic rise from 2014, when the city saw 211 killings for the year. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

West Nile found in Knox County (TN): The Knox County Health Department said their latest lab report has confirmed the presence of the West Nile Virus in mosquitoes in three areas. WATE – [Full Story](#)

West Nile Virus found in Bowie mosquitoes (MD): The Maryland Department of Agriculture announced the first detection of a West Nile virus mosquito pool in Maryland in 2015. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene confirmed the presence of West Nile virus in mosquitoes collected by MDA personnel in Bowie, Prince George's County, on Aug. 5. WBAL – [Full Story](#)

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Tennessee Guardsmen can now carry guns: Tennessee Adj. Gen. Max Haston announced today that Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members with valid state-issued gun carry permits will be allowed to carry weapons at state armories and facilities. Gov. Bill Haslam later directed Haston to come up with a plan in response to demands from many that National Guard members needed to be able to protect themselves from attacks. Chattanooga Times Free Press – [Full Story](#)

N.C. EMS Hazmat drill scheduled for Thursday: Several fire departments and other first responders will test their preparedness this week during an emergency management drill simulating a leaking tanker truck. The city of Mebane reported that the Alamance County Emergency Management Office received a 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant for \$10,000. Times-News – [Full Story](#)

Chattanooga police seek help locating missing man (TN): The Chattanooga Police Department is asking for assistance in locating a 61-year-old homeless man who has been missing since Saturday. Timothy Williams is a 155-pound, 5-foot-6-inch, balding white male with grey eyes. Family members said they last heard from him Saturday when he was leaving a local hospital. Chattanooga Times Free Press – [Full Story](#)

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2nd firefighter killed battling California wildfires: A U.S. Forest Service firefighter was killed Saturday night battling a wildfire in Northern California, becoming the second firefighter to die in just over a week. Michael Hallenbeck, 21, from Shingle Springs, California, was killed fighting the Sierra fire near Lake Tahoe. Los Angeles Times – [Full Story](#)

50 arrested in Ferguson protests; State of emergency declared (MO): Police arrested at least 50 protesters in St. Louis who were demanding the dissolution of the Ferguson Police Department. St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger has declared a state of emergency and turned oversight of the Ferguson situation over to County Police Chief Jon Belmar in the wake of at least three shooting incidents overnight Sunday. St. Louis Post-Dispatch – [Full Story](#)

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EPA says 3 million gallons of contaminated water released into Animas River in Colorado: Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency said Sunday that the Gold King Mine discharged an estimated 3 million gallons of contaminated water, three times the previous estimate. The mine continues to discharge 500 gallons per minute, but the polluted water is being contained and treated in four ponds at the site of the spill near Silverton, Colorado. According to preliminary testing data released Sunday, arsenic levels measured in the Animas River in the Durango area peaked at 300 times the normal level, and lead peaked at 3,500 times the normal level. The Daily Times – [Full Story](#); Associated Press - [The Latest: Spill prompts New Mexico to declare emergency](#)

Urban ERs see high rates of Hepatitis C infection: An urban emergency department that set up a hepatitis C testing protocol saw high rates of infection among intravenous drug users and Baby Boomers, with three-quarters of those testing positive were unaware they were infected. The results of a screening and diagnostic testing program for hepatitis C were reported online Tuesday in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* ("[Results of a Rapid Hepatitis C Virus Screening and Diagnostic Testing Program in an Urban Emergency Department](#)"). EMSWorld.com – [Full Story](#)

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Japan restarts reactor after break due to Fukushima: A power plant operator in southern Japan restarted a nuclear reactor on Tuesday, the first to begin operating under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster. Kyushu Electric Power Company said Tuesday it had restarted the number 1 reactor at its Sendai nuclear plant as planned. The restart marks Japan's return to nuclear energy four-and-half-years after the 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan following an earthquake and tsunami. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

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Low risk of "superbug" infections at VA med centers: Potentially deadly "superbug" infections may have occurred at U.S. Veterans Affairs medical centers though the risk is very low, a federal investigation has found. Nearly 100 patients treated with specialized medical scopes at nearly 40 VA centers between 2010 and 2015 tested positive for multidrug-resistant infections known as CRE, and officials said they couldn't rule out the possibility that the devices may have been a factor in at least a dozen cases. Seattle Times – [Full Story](#)

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Two Mississippi residents aimed to join Islamic State: Two Mississippi residents were arrested over the weekend on charges that they were trying to travel abroad to join the Islamic State militant group. A criminal charge filed Saturday says Jaelyn Delshaun Young, 19, and Muhammad Oda Dakhalla, 22, were arrested that morning at Golden Triangle Regional Airport near Columbus, Mississippi. Both are charged with attempting and conspiring to provide material support to a terrorist group. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

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